

Apache Corporation ("Apache"), a Delaware corporation, with offices at 2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77056-4400, nominates, constitutes, and appoints Rodney J. Eichler as its true and lawful attorney in fact. The attorney in fact is authorized from time to time to execute and deliver in the name of Apache, or in the name of Apache as general or managing partner of any entity or affiliate, the following documents and instruments, and any amendments and extensions thereto, in connection with exploration for and production of oil, gas and other minerals from lands located on the outer continental shelf over which the United States, or a state within the United States of America, exercises jurisdiction:

- (1) offers to acquire producing oil and gas properties not to exceed \$250,000;
- (2) oil, gas, and mineral leases;
- (3) seismic option agreements;
- (4) participation agreements;
- (5) agreements to farm in;
- (6) agreements to farm out;
- (7) farm in and farm out option agreements;
- (8) joint operating agreements;
- (9) unit agreements;
- (10) unit operating agreements;
- (11) ratification and joinder of units;
- (12) communitization agreements;
- (13) authorities for expenditures ("AFEs") to drill and test wells on non-operated properties not to exceed \$500,000 net to Apache's interest;
- (14) AFEs to complete wells on non-operated properties not to exceed \$500,000 net to Apache's interest;
- (15) unit designations;
- (16) declarations of units;
- (17) land brokerage contracts;
- (18) cash contribution, acreage contribution, bottom hole contribution, and dry hole contribution agreements not to exceed \$500,000 net to Apache's interest;
- (19) pooling agreements;
- (20) cooperative plans of development;
- (21) assignments earned pursuant to farmout agreements;
- (22) assignments pursuant to purchase and sale agreements;
- (23) offers to lease competitively or non-competitively;
- (24) bids and related documents submitted in connection with competitive leasing or otherwise;
- (25) releases, relinquishments, and surrenders of leases and permits;

- (26) acceptances of leases and permits;
- (27) acceptances of requirements, stipulations, and conditions;
- (28) option agreements to acquire leases and permits;
- (29) amendments, revisions, rescissions, and withdrawals of any instrument that the attorney in fact is authorized to execute and deliver;
- (30) stipulations of interest;
- (31) applications to lease competitively or non-competitively;
- (32) applications for permits to drill;
- (33) applications for right-of-way and land use permits;
- (34) applications for prospecting, seismic, or exploration permits;
- (35) applications and offers for other permits;
- (36) applications for extensions of leases and permits;
- (37) applications for renewals of leases and permits;
- (38) applications for suspensions of operations or production;
- (39) applications for suspensions or reductions of rental, royalty, or minimum royalty;
- (40) petitions for reinstatement of leases;
- (41) applications for the exchange of leases, permits, and other interests;
- (42) withdrawals of applications and offers for leases;
- (43) withdrawals of assignments of interests in leases;
- (44) statements of qualifications to hold interests in leases and permits;
- (45) statements of interests and holdings;
- (46) requests for approvals of assignments of leases, offers, applications, and permits;
- (47) applications and other instruments incident to the establishment, enlargement, adjustment, contraction, or termination of units and participating areas within units;
- (48) applications and other instruments incident to the establishment, enlargement, adjustment, contraction, or termination of communitized areas and communitization agreements;
- (49) contests, protests, and appeals of actions, inactions, and decisions by the Bureau of Land Management, Minerals Management Service, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, or any other agency, officer, or employee of the United States of America; and
- (50) offers, statements of interest, statements of holdings required, and other statements required by Acts of Congress or under regulations now or hereafter promulgated pursuant to Acts of Congress.

The attorney in fact is prohibited from filing applications to lease, offers to lease, or any other instrument on behalf of any other participant in a simultaneous drawing.

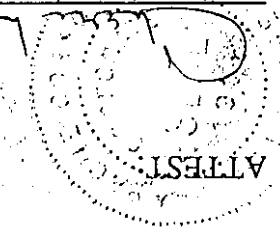
Any act, representation, or thing lawfully done by the attorney in fact shall be binding on Apache, in its corporate capacity, and in its capacity as general partner or managing partner of any other entity or affiliate, its successors and assigns. Execution of this power of attorney shall automatically revoke and terminate, without further act or notice, any other valid and existing power of attorney granted by Apache to the attorney in fact named herein. The power of attorney granted herein shall continue in full force until revoked by Apache and shall have the same force and effect as though special authority was granted to the attorney in fact to do each act and to execute each document or instrument separately. If the attorney in fact ceases to be an employee of Apache, this power of attorney shall be automatically revoked and terminated without further act or notice.

EXECUTED this 9th day of December, 1993.

APACHE CORPORATION

[Signature]
G. Steven Farris
Senior Vice President

Cheri L. Pepper
Assistant Secretary

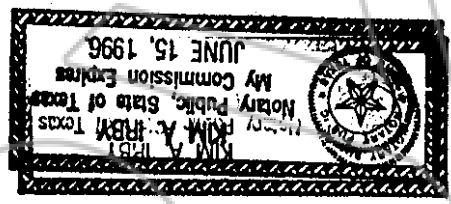


STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9th day of December, 1993 by G. Steven Farris, Senior Vice President, Apache Corporation. Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____

[Signature]
Notary Public



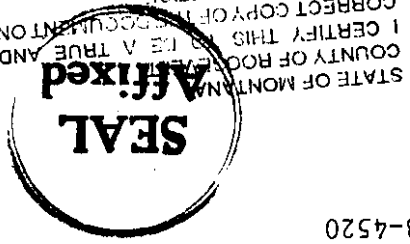
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Denver, CO 80203-4520



STATE OF MONTANA
COUNTY OF ROOSEVELT
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT ON RECORD IN THIS OFFICE
[Signature]
COUNTY RECORDER
DATE January 18, 1994

EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
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